

TESTIMONY OF IDOLATRY

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OF THE

LORDS SERVANT

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Guards, gathering of people in such thronging multitudes, and
 pushing down the stairs, and calling of men, women, and chil-
 dren, high and low, rich and poor, people of all conditions, who
 come together? Is all this wondering of people, and inflaming
 of spirits in this admiring mood? Is all this (said I) but to see
 a dead invented Image of Wood or Wax, arrayed and decked
 with some foolish inventions? And my spirit, Oh abominable
 Oh Idolatry! Oh folly and vanity! and my life was given up.
 What is all this preparation of people in this wondering frame,
 but to behold an Image carried, and to see simple foolish peo-
 ple following after it in their Idolatrous Robes and gestures,
 such who had invented it, and here at cost with it? And then
 my spirit was burthened, and the very smell of foolishness and
 abomination enforced upon me, and the weight of all this iniqui-
 ty came into me, and vexed me right sore, and the very sense
 of this abomination laid upon my life, and I felt the burthen
 of their great wickedness, the making the Image, I felt a bur-
 then, and all the foolish circumstances about it for many days,
 and the people's folly and madness that so gathered up, pressed
 to behold it, and so wondered after it, was a burthen to me, and
 they that carried it in their foolish gestures, all this iniquity
 and abomination, said my spirit, and I was laden therewith,
 and said, Certainly the judgement of God will meet with this
 World, and the Lord will be avenged because of it, and their
 souls should once feel the burthen of it with remorse, as when
 this presence came into me, it might be some would be bur-
 dened or pressed to death, or some weakness would come out of
 this wickedness, that the anger of the Lord might break forth,
 and visit such as were the foundation of this idolatrous abomi-
 nation, and my spirit had a deep sense of the greatness and sin-
 fulness of this high and mighty Idolatry, and it vexed me,
 and made me fall; but immediately (from that temple) in a
 very sudden my spirit was changed, and I was filled with the
 indignation of the Lord God against this Image, and this fire-
 about as his plagues, and very, and fire run through me, to cry,
 plagues, plagues, and Vengeance against them because of this
 abomination, and I could not utter fire with the very po-
 wer of God rising in me against this Idolatry, that if I had been
 moved to it, and it been possible to have done it, I could have
 ridden through the Guards, and over the multitude, to have

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and then bring it from place to place, and they doing this and
that, for there do as some of our People do. This is possible,
but how comes it to pass? I began to consider, and find it was
possible when he was living, and had the knowledge of his
spirit, and I was persuaded it had benighted him in his old
time, at such work should he, as if some great soul, such as I have
made like him, and laid for his soul, and in a contemptible place
and manner, and then covered by his Friends, and Children,
and kindred, and Army, and then focus in such a place, and
there remain in such a place, I say, I think he would have
denied it, and said, I shall not do thus for me when I am dead.
I think he would not have suffered it thus to have been; he
was more wise than thought, he would have said, Nay, What to
make an image of me, and do so diversely from one form to a-
nother, and put it, and then carry it from place to place, up
and down, this will be a shame to my Children, and a disgrace
to my kindred, and a reproach to my Officers and whole Army,
and all the Nation will mock and be offended, and then they
say, These are they that were once enemies to all heresies and
false religions, and pull'd them down, and bore them down, and
we shall now bear in the same, and set them up, and wonder-
ing they be now come to place. Nay, I think he would have said, I
think he would, that the Kings may laugh in our scorn, and the
Popish may say, we have learned of them, and put their persons
from among us, and banished, and kill them, and set up their
pictures. Sure he would have said that, as I am certain the Wars
were so good in the confidence men truly have said it, because
it is true.

But upon another consideration, I said, this is close to pass
after this manner, though he was once zealous against all po-
pery, yet he did not much suspect that good could come out
much from the greatness and honor of the World, and the
praise of men, and that flattering titles, and vain respects
of ecclesiasticks, and many great examinations were upheld
through him, as by the, and pluralities, houses, and ordering of
ministers by man will, and the false worship, and sprinkling
of the people, and such like popish and superstitious at Rome; and
he said, that the servants of the Lord to be persecuted, and
persecuted, for standing and saying against such things as were
popish, and which he himself thought to deny, and be-

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would have had a more lively and heavenly character to have been read for his sake, than an image of him and such idolatrous practices, and my life could have been formed upon some comfortable passage through me about this business, and for some hours my spirit could not rest, and in the very time lay upon me to write this and after all this said my spirit where is all the old priests now, and his ancient teachers whom once had a great deal against all these things, and against all such practices? Where are they now, are they blind also said I, that they cannot see this abominable idolatry and cry against it: had they any hand in it? or were they contenters in these things? what is become of them? is their ass for the lord, and against idolatry quite gone, thought I, they might have prevented this disgrace to their old master, who both served him well, and fed them in great places and put them in large benefices, and they might have done something for him when he is dead, and have prevented this folly and idolatry, which is acted upon him this day: for certainly all people in the nation that fear God, will be offended, and judge in their hearts such work, the framing of an image, and sounding trumpets, and beating drums before it, and clashing herds in mourning, and building their pipes, and with the way honourable for the carter, and in mourning, and following the image, and all the like, and off, and preparation for many weeks before hand, and such decking in of burn, and attire of great and noble men, and all but to accompany an image from one place to another, whereby people are deceived, who might look upon it to be the burial of a great person, when as it was but an image made by hands, and decked and trimmed in a vain manner as if it had been some poppet play, which if it had been indeed his bones they had accompanied to the grave in that manner that had been less condemnable, and I should not have cried against it, but for the wise men in the nation to be content with these things, and to exercise themselves in such folly and vanity, this grieves the righteous soul, and if I should censure in the Lord would condemn me, but the shame will fall upon themselves that acted it, and chiefly upon these priests and teachers, because they were consenting to such vanity and pride of popery in this way and had suffered many and many years, and had their hearts hardened against him, but they would have made some show of stopping of the abomination, and another way might have been thought upon which had been lively and goodly testimony of their old Master

